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The Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan
442 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Pat,

I am glad that you have resumed your job as Vice-Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and that both the Committee and the CIA agree that something will be done to improve the degree to which the Committee is kept "fully and currently informed" about intelligence matters.

As a long-time consultant to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence I have a small suggestion. I don't actually know whether there is a secure teleprinter link between CIA and the Select Committee, but there could easily be at low cost. I suggest that CIA ought daily to provide a few lines of notification in support of its responsibility to keep the Committee "fully and currently informed," which will at least allow the Senators and the Committee staff to request more information if they want. Since every presentation of CIA to the Committee is recorded and transcribed, this would add no more to the record than now exists, but it would add it in CIA's own words and would provide a means to go back to make sure that the information had in fact been transferred as is required.

I think this would be a salutary influence. It would provide a record for Senators to review as they step into the Committee offices, and it would enable the Committee leadership to reassure the Senate that it was carrying out its legal responsibility of oversight of CIA activities.

Very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Forwarded in his absence

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cc:

Senator Barry Goldwater, Senate Select Committee
The Honorable William J. Casey, CIA

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